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CONNECTICUT OUTDOOR ORIENTATION PROGRAM
Get to Know S.E. Connecticut's Towns

NEW LONDON-Conn College's home sweet home. There's a big push for Conn students to get reconnected. In the sixties, there were only a few of the locally owned pizzerias in New London. We serve up generous pies with exotic toppings. The best buy in town. On Thursday we have a large cheese pizza for only $5. It's on the waterfront, so grab a pizza and your new pew to watch football or on your favorite show on their TV.
What You REALLY Need to Come to College (and leave at home)

The College has likely supplied you with an "Over the Hump" book intended to make your move to college as easy as possible. The list below will give you some guidance on what to bring to school and what to leave behind. The list is of what to bring for some basic personal needs.

**Things to Bring**

- **Great ideas and reading materials to cover your interests:**
  - Books
  - Reading materials

- **Clothing and accessories to stay warm and dry:**
  - Winter clothing (trench coats, boots)
  - Rain gear (rain coats, boots)

- **Personal hygiene:**
  - Toothbrush and toothpaste
  - Shampoo and conditioner
  - Deodorant
  - Personal care items

- **Electronics:**
  - Laptop computer
  - iPod
  - Cell phone

- **Other essentials:**
  - First aid kit
  - Medications
  - Prescription medications

**What to Leave at Home**

- **Clothing and accessories:**
  - Summer clothing
  - Heavy winter clothing

- **Personal hygiene:**
  - Excess toiletries
  - Non-essential beauty products

- **Electronics:**
  - Extra electronics not needed

- **Other essentials:**
  - Baby items
  - Pet supplies

**Tips for Traveling**

- **Pack light:**
  - Use rolling luggage
  - Maximize space in luggage

- **Stay organized:**
  - Use packing cubes
  - Label luggage

- **Stay prepared:**
  - Pack extra clothing for unexpected weather

**Important Reminders**

- **Check list:**
  - Double check your list
  - Ask for assistance if needed

**Conclusion**

- **Remember:**
  - Pack with care
  - Be organized

**New London Area**

- **Sights and Sounds:**
  - Mystic Seaport
  - Old Mystic
  - Norwich

- **Activities:**
  - Hiking
  - Biking

- **Transportation:**
  - Public transportation
  - Car rentals

**Contact Information**

- **Mystic Seaport:**
  - Phone: (860) 572-5399

- **Old Mystic:**
  - Phone: (860) 572-5399

**Additional Resources**

- **Local Tourism Websites:**
  - www.mysticseaport.com
  - www.oldmystic.com

**Recommended Reading:**

- **Books:**
  - "The Story of New London" by John A. Dyer
  - "New London: A History of the City and County" by John A. Dyer

**Notes:**

- **Important:**
  - Always check with local officials for the latest information
  - Safety and security are top priorities

**Additional Information:**

- **Local Libraries:**
  - Mystic Free Public Library
  - Mystic Seaport Museum Library

- **Local Museums:**
  - Mystic Seaport
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**Address:**

- **Mystic Seaport Museum:**
  - PO Box 230
  - Mystic, CT 06355

**Email:**

- **Mystic Seaport Museum:**
  - info@mysticseaport.com

**Facebook:**

- **Mystic Seaport Museum:**
  - www.facebook.com/mysticseaport

**Twitter:**

- **Mystic Seaport Museum:**
  - @MysticSeaport

**Instagram:**

- **Mystic Seaport Museum:**
  - www.instagram.com/mysticseaport

**YouTube:**

- **Mystic Seaport Museum:**
  - www.youtube.com/c/MysticSeaport

**Google Maps:**

- **Mystic Seaport Museum:**
  - www.google.com/maps/place/Mystic+Seaport+Museum/@41.695136,-71.86917,15z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x0:0x4e656306f2dbf8b:0x0!8m2!3d41.695136!4d-71.86917

**Directions:**

- **Mystic Seaport Museum:**
  - www.mysticseaport.com/directions
# How to Write the College Essay

**By BRIAN BIELUCH**

It’s 7:30 a.m. Sunday morning. Pork chops are sizzling away in the oven, and you, a long-haired, slightly portly young man, sit in your pajamas, limbering up your mind at the thought of college essays. You’ve read one or two already, at least, and you have no idea what you’re doing.

At 7:30 a.m. Sunday morning, the sun is up and shining through your windows, but you’re sitting there, staring out at the yard, feeling like it’s going to take an act of God to make you write one of these things.

Do not despair! Visions of 100 percent grades, a future as a Harvard graduate, an endless supply of free meals with a college degree, and, most importantly, knowing that you can write a college essay that will be accepted into a college of your choice—these are all things that seem impossible when you’re staring at a blank page and wondering, "What am I supposed to write about?"

Your first and most important step is to actually start writing. Don’t worry about what you’re going to write about. Just worry about when you’re going to start writing. If you tackle this task now, you’ll have completed it in no time.

**PLAN AHEAD, START EARLY:** While this may seem obvious, it’s perhaps the most difficult step of all. Many students, even those who have completed high school, find it difficult to write essays.

**DO RESEARCH:** If you’re doing a freshman composition class, you’re probably going to have to write about your major. This is a good time to start doing some research. If you’re doing a freshman composition class, you’re probably going to have to write about your major. This is a good time to start doing some research.

**TALK IT OVER:** Find someone who is interested in the subject and will give you feedback. Who better than your professor? If you’re interested in writing about a subject, you have set aside before a big test. In a sense, this is how the world works. Some teachers swear by tests, but think they can ace a course just by memorizing the material that you are writing at this be-

**Write a draft:** Make sure that you can write a draft on the subject that you can include in your writing. If you cannot use what you are writing at this be-

**Revise:** Once you have written your first draft, read it over and revise it. Make sure that your sentences are clear and that your ideas are well developed. Your professor will probably be able to tell if you’ve put in a lot of work to make your essay the best it can be.

**Proofread:** Once you’ve revised your essay, read it through again. Make sure that there are no spelling or grammar errors.

**Submit your essay:** Once you’ve submitted your essay, you can sit back and relax. Your professor will probably be able to tell if you’ve put in a lot of work to make your essay the best it can be.

**The End:** Congratulations! You’ve completed your college essay. You can now start thinking about your next one.

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# To Read or Not to Read?

**By JOSH FRIEDLANDER**

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Who's Floralia? What's a "skanktank"? and Why Am I this fishbowl?

* A Guide to Understanding CONNSpeak

By STAFF

We honor these athletes today for their... Your Parents! Get Ready ...

439 Room - the smaller room on the second floor of Conn's newest residence hall. The room is decorated with murals, and contains a bed, a desk, and a dresser. The room is also decorated with posters and other artwork.

438 Room - a newly created room in Harris Hall. The room is decorated with murals, and contains a bed, a desk, and a dresser. The room is also decorated with posters and other artwork.

437 Room - the largest room on the first floor of Conn. The room is decorated with murals, and contains a bed, a desk, and a dresser. The room is also decorated with posters and other artwork.

The STORIES

Each room in Harris Hall has a unique story. Some rooms are decorated with murals, and contain a bed, a desk, and a dresser. The rooms are also decorated with posters and other artwork.

Fraternity Rush - the largest Greek social activity. It involves the process of selecting the best fraternity to belong to.

Dorm Assassin - a get-to-know-each-other game of Johnencial Gift Giving Buddy week within every dorm, followed by a "speed dating" type of event. The games are designed to help you meet new people and learn about each other.

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Getting Connected to Conn (At Least in a Technical Sense)

By BEN MUNSON

What's the Use of all This Technology?

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Accounting News

Temporary Location – Larabee

Hope to be returning to Fanning 101 shortly after the start of classes.

Check cashing hours M-F 1-4 p.m. Personal checks up to $25.00

Parents & Grandparents checks up to $250.00

WATERHOUSE salon

If you just want your hair cut –
go to the mall...

860 442 9543

136 BANK ST NEW LONDON CT

COMPUTING

Considering that you need to be connected to set up your new computer, start by logging in to the Conn College Network. When Help Center's help web pages go online (they don't do much good yet!), open a new browser window and type http://www.nytimes.com in the address bar. Click on the "NY Times" link and enter your name and password. Once you've logged in, click on the "Cynav" link in the left-hand column. This will take you to a page where you can find information about the NY Times. From there, you can search for specific articles or browse by date to find articles that interest you.

To search for a specific article, enter its title or author in the "Search" box and click on the "Search" button. This will bring up a list of articles that match your search criteria. You can then click on the article title to read the full article online.

The NY Times also has a section called "消費者 Guide" which provides information on a variety of topics such as travel, entertainment, and sports. This section can be accessed by clicking on the "消費者 Guide" link in the left-hand column.
Politics in Connecticut: Meet Your New Political Family

Christopher Dodd, Senator, Dem.

Joseph Lieberman, Senator, Dem.

Governor John G. Rowland is, at 42, still in office. He has held positions on tenure, passed the toughest welfare abuse in New London and awards... 5:00 P.M.

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Wright – The definition of insanity: repeat the same process the same exact way and expect a different outcome. In other words Wright, the second of the old Plex’s to be reformed as a mental ward, isn’t much impressed from the mess made in Park. Elevators and air-conditioning make up for meandering hallways and sterility.

Park – The first Plex dorm to be re-renovated. Park offers clean and comfortable rooms within a labyrinthian hall design – great for avoiding the news lady. Not known for its social atmosphere, this year Park will hopefully join the rest of Conn in subscribing to the campus roots of “work hard, party harder.”

Marshall – A throwback to the time when your parents were partying among other things in college. Marshall joins Hamilton as the last two Plex dorms to be renovated. The episode of survival – two semesters of priority.

Central Campus

Lambdin

Lambdin – Off line this year. Lambdin is in the run between Morrison and Hamilton, offering a step by step view of the renovation and a keen resemblance to West Point. The construction will make it popular with the residents of Hamilton and Morrison. Be advised to keep windows closed on asbestos removal days.

Smith – There’s not much that can be said about Smith, as its high point would be the dining hall if it were across from Coo. Smith does offer an excellent central location.

Blackstone – Conn’s subterranean subbasement. Blackstone is famed for its chaotic layout, its dark and unappealing color scheme, and a constant stream of people walking through without looking up. Blackstone is a place where students take an active role in keeping the place clean and comfortable. Students often have a reputation for fine brownies.

Katherine Blunt (KB) – A party dorm on prime real estate offering large rooms, central location, a party atmosphere and views of Arbo squares. Light sleepers may have difficulties with neighbors and the chapel bell which rings on the hour.

Larrabee – The “quiet” dorm. Larrabee is in spite of its “loud hours” as it is of its “quiet lifestyle.” The dorm offers two and three bedroom apartments with full kitchens, separate parking and a large social atmosphere and views of Arbo squares. Light sleepers may have difficulties with neighbors and the chapel bell which rings on the hour.

Windham – One of the most popular dorms. Windham boasts the largest rooms, a central location, a party atmosphere and views of Arbo squares. Light sleepers may have difficulties with neighbors and the chapel bell which rings on the hour.

Burdick – Located directly behind Smith, Burdick also has little to offer except cavernous basement rooms and proximity to the Athletic Center. Also boasting a dining hall, Burdick’s low profile is popular with those students trying to fend off the Freshmen (Sophomore, Junior, Senior) fifteen (or fifty).

South Campus

Knowlton

Knowlton – Knowlton, the Cultural/Language Housing, research its students with high ceilings, large windows, hardwood floors and a “cultural/language theme” in which they can hone their language skills and cut the most impressive food on campus with their language professors.

Jane Addams – Freeman’s ugly step-sister, Addams is consistently in the shadow of an adjacent neighbor, despite the identical layout and the similarity in the size of the rooms.

Freeman – A good time is guaranteed at this South Campus haven of debauchery. Relatively quiet during the academic week, Thursday night brings in a different atmosphere.

Specialty Housing

Upperclassmen Only

Earth House

Earth House – Cold showers and paper paranoia are the name of the game here, as saving the planet is Earth House’s primary aim. Helping to make the campus feel better about the waste we generate, this residence also boasts a kitchen and meal plan reductions. Please remove all shoes except socks at the door upon entering.

Harkness – Known for its large rooms and spectacles views of the quad, Harkness ranks as one of the most popular South Campus dorms, especially for sports fans with the best seats in the house for soccer and baseball games.

Real Estate

What Residential Life Doesn’t Tell You

Plant – Historically, Plant basement, with several huge freshman quads is a dangerous place to be on the weekend, but Conn’s first dorm is gradually inching back towards respectability.

River Ridge

River Ridge – River Ridge offers two and three bedroom apartments with full kitchens and separate parking. Walk-ins andrepeat occupants: think twice. Be advised that if you're not a freshman, you're not a resident.

Harkness – Known for its wide rooms and spectacular views of the quad, Harkness ranks as one of the most popular South Campus dorms, especially for sports fans with the best seats in the house for soccer and baseball games.

360 – Have a hobby, talent or fetish that is suitable (and appropriate) to such a high culture institution? Then 360 is for you. Past theoretics included Hair House and the Dance House.

Morrison – The latest Plex dorm to be renovated. Morrison residents benefit from the gaffes made in the renovation of Park and Wright, with better hall designs and a less “hospital” vibe.
Welcome to Conn Class of 2003!

The Admissions Office needs your help recruiting a class as great as yours.

Watch for opportunities to:
• host a prospective student
• be a tour guide
• go back to your high school to talk about Conn

Call Jen at 2218 for more information and for other ways to get involved.

You impressed us once before, impress us again.

Department of Music

The department of music welcomes the class of 2003! OC is one of the few colleges you can pay your private lessons on every instrument of the orchestra, voice, piano, guitar, and harmonica at NO EXTRA FEE! If you've paid your tuition you can get private lessons on any instrument you play! Auditions for minor takes place on Monday, 30 August (10:00 - 1:00) and Friday, 1 September (10:00 - 1:30). Play in our Ensembles: Orchestra, Chorus, Chamber Ensemble, Opera Workshop, Band, Percussion Ensemble, and Jazz Ensemble.

Ensemble Auditions

Chamber Choir 1-4 p.m., Monday, August 30 & 2-3:30 p.m., Friday, September 2, C215
Chorus Class 10:27:29
Concert Band 8:30-9:30 p.m., Monday, September 6, Evans Hall

Opera Workshop 4:00-5:00 p.m., Thursday, September 9, Evans Hall

Orchestra 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 7, Evans Hall (Audition sign-up sheet posted on door of C220)

Percussion Ensemble Meeting scheduled for 5 p.m., Monday, September 6, Evans Hall

For more information call the music department at X2720.

From the Chaplaincy...

Welcome to the fall semester. All of us here at Harkness Chapel hope this will be a time of growth and promise for you.

As you get into this year's theme of "Exploration and Discovery," we hope your explorations will lead you to the chapel and that your discoveries will be both personal and spiritual.

See you soon,
Mark dotted, Interim Dean of Religious and Spiritual Life

College Chaplains:
Rev. Emmett Jarrett, Father Larry LaPointe and Rabbi Aaron Rosenberg.
Thom Thornton of the Baptist Campus Ministry and Karla Bender and Aaron Wayne, Hillel Advisors
John Anthony and Molly Heus

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

Welcome to the Class of 2003!

Please join the English Department at an Open House on August 31st, 4:00 p.m., Faculty Lounge in Blaustein.

OVCS GET ENGAGED!
The Office of Volunteers for Community Service- OVCS extends a warm welcome back to Connecticut College students and invites each and every one to get engaged in community work.

OVCS has developed a wide range of projects, internships and work-study positions to make it easier for Conn students with the opportunity to learn in a community setting while engaging in social justice issues and improving our quality of life. Also, OVCS and the Center for Community Challenges have worked with faculty to develop service-learning courses in the curriculum. Look for those courses and connect your academics to community challenges.

Whether it is health & wellness, education, the environment, legal issues, economic development, hunger/homeless issues, or the arts, OVCS can facilitate your engagement. Stop by the OVCS office, Room 217 in Cro, the Center for Community, and be sure to come to the OVCS Fair, Wednesday, September 15, between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. in front of Cro on the Larabee Green. (1962 Room in Cro if it rains) OVCS has established dozens of community partners and there are many exciting and interesting placements.

For more information call X 2458.

Get engaged!

THE OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE

Connecticut College is committed to providing the atmosphere and support that allow leadership and personal growth to flourish. The intellectual life outside the classroom is characterized by social and cultural vitality. The Office of Student Life facilitates curricular education through programs and services provided by the staff of the Office of Residential Life, Student Activities, Health Services, and Counseling Services. The professional staff play a central role in addressing the overall mission of the College, which is to prepare men and women for a lifetime of learning and participation in a democratic society.

Students are strongly encouraged to become actively engaged in campus life. With over sixty clubs and organizations, a very active student government association, and an office that coordinates community service volunteers, the opportunities are endless. The choices that students make about their out of classroom education often influence their overall post-graduate plans. To provide some examples, we have had many former Judiciary Board members attend premier law schools, student activities coordinators become museum directors and event planners, and housefellows who were better prepared for the demands of a new job or graduate school, because of their experiences with campus leadership.

Each staff member in the Office of Student Life has the responsibility for advising student groups. Much of the advising, however, is done in an informal manner. The office prides itself on student advocacy, high quality personal service, and a healthy balance of challenge and support. It is always a delight to meet our class of first year students and we are more than willing to help ease the transition into campus life. The Student Life staff are eager to help find that special niche, and often define the overall college experience. We are honored to be able to work as closely with students as we do. Please do not hesitate to contact any of us. The main telephone number is 439-2843.

Welcome!

Catherine Wood Brooks, Dean of Student Life
Kristine Cyr Goodman, Assistant Dean/ Director of Residential Life
Scott McFiver, Director of Student Activities/College Center
Conway Campbell, Associate Director of Residential Life
Cate Moffett, Director of Health Services
Lisa Brown, Director of Counseling Services

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN NEW LONDON AND IN YOUR ACADEMIC CAREER WITH THE CENTER FOR COMMUNITY CHALLENGES

The Hollis Center for Community Challenges is a multidisciplinary, academic center that is dedicated to teaching, research, and community collaborations. Our mission is to foster active citizenship and community leadership in a multicultural, democratic society. We can help you get involved with service learning projects that make the connection between classroom theory and real world applications. Students say, "Learning comes alive with service learning courses. I learn so much, and I contribute to the community as well."

The Center also offers the Program in Community Action. PICA, a unique opportunity for students to combine course work in their majors with community-based experience. Any major is eligible, ranging from the natural sciences to social sciences to the humanities and beyond. PICA scholars also participate in a series of workshops that develop their skills in negotiation, mediation, public speaking, interviewing, non-profit management, and electronic networking. A certificate is awarded at graduation to those who successfully complete the program.

To learn more about service-based learning, call the Center for Community Challenges at ext. 2596 or come by our office in Cro, Room 217.
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